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Statewide Roll-Out of Improved JARPA Begins January 12, 2009

Beginning January 12, 2009 the Governor's Office of Regulatory Assistance will issue a substantially revised and improved Joint Aquatic Resource Permit Application (JARPA) for use throughout the state. The new JARPA is intended to save applicants time and money.

Local, state, and federal agencies worked together with the Governor's Office of Regulatory Assistance to improve the overall usability and efficiency of the JARPA process. Agencies have improved the usability of the form and updated the questions to result in more complete applications. Larger print, more space for answers and easier to understand questions also make the form easier to use.

Revising the JARPA was the result of Governor Gregoire's commitment to governmental decision-making processes that are efficient and streamlined. The Governor, through her Government Management Accountability and Performance initiative, identified an efficient JARPA process as essential to the state's economic vitality. See www.accountability.wa.gov.

Representatives from local, state and federal agencies will continue to periodically update and review the JARPA. Suggestions for changing the form are welcome. Contact the ORA Information Center to share your feedback.

The new 2009 JARPA can be accessed at www.epermitting.wa.gov beginning January 12, 2009. A Blog on the Governor's website starting 1/XX/09 will also highlight the revised JARPA. Take a look at <http://www.governor.wa.gov/blog/default.asp>

Background

The JARPA is used by everyone who conducts projects – big or small - in or near the water. This includes developers, homeowners, consultants, and government agencies. The JARPA form was intended to streamline the permitting process for aquatic permitting, and it has done that. Instead of filling out 5 or 6 different applications, project proponents now only fill out one form for most projects. The 2009 JARPA is intended to further simplify this application process.

This single application form can be used by anyone to apply for a variety of aquatic permits and approvals, including:

Federal

- US Army Corps of Engineers Section 10 Permits (<http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/permithandbook/permitdetail.asp?id=36>).
- US Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 Permits (<http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/permithandbook/permitdetail.asp?id=37>).
- US Coast Guard General Bridge Permits (<http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/permithandbook/permitdetail.asp?id=106>).
- US Coast Guard Private Aids to Navigation Permits (<http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/permithandbook/permitdetail.asp?id=98>).

State

- WA Department of Ecology 401 Water Quality Certifications (<http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/permithandbook/permitdetail.asp?id=43>).
- WA Department of Fish and Wildlife Hydraulic Project Approvals (<http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/permithandbook/permitdetail.asp?id=25>).
- WA Department of Natural Resources Use Authorizations for State-Owned Aquatic Lands (<http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/permithandbook/permitdetail.asp?id=31>).

Local (City or County)

- Shoreline Conditional Use Permit (<http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/permithandbook/permitdetail.asp?id=44>).
- Shoreline Substantial Development Permit (<http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/permithandbook/permitdetail.asp?id=38>).
- Shoreline Variance (<http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/permithandbook/permitdetail.asp?id=45>).
- Shoreline Exemption.
- Shoreline Revision.
- Floodplain Development (<http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/permithandbook/permitdetail.asp?id=47>).
- Critical Areas approvals.